(d) Preparation for important International events like Olympic, Asian and Commonwealth Games is an ongoing process. In addition to the promotional schemes run by Sports Authority of India, Government imparts assistance to sportspersons through the Scheme for Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSF) for international exposures and for procuring equipment, Scheme for Talent Search and Training, and assistance to NSF in engagement of Foreign Coaches.

Sports facilities in Uttar Pradesh

2571. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals regarding sports facilities received from the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the number out of them lying pending; and

(c) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The details of proposal received from Uttar Pradesh Government during the last three years *i.e.* 2002-2003 to 2004-2005 alongwith their status under the Schemes of 'Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure' and 'Grants for Installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces' have been given below:—

SI. No.	Name of the scheme	No. of proposal received	No. of proposals approved till 2004-05
1	Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure	22 3	9
2	Grants for Installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces		2

As a consquence of a decision taken in February, 2005 the Sports Infrastructure Scheme was transferred to state sector with effect from 1.4.2005. No budget provision existed for fresh proposals after 1.4.2005. Therefore proposals which had not been approved till 2004-05 could not be processed further.